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WEATHER

Rainfall was widespread early in the period and heavy in the east. Amounts varied from around .50 inch in the Panhandle to around 2 inches in the east. Temperatures averaged two to four degrees above normal across the State.

GENERAL

General rains early in the week aided row crops and pastures and supplied needed moisture for seeding winter wheat this fall. Moisture during the past two weeks has improved the soybean and sorghum crop conditions and greened up pastures over much of Nebraska. Summer fallow activities continued with wheat producers looking toward fall plantings. Green chopping of drought-damaged corn continued in the eastern half of the State. There were 4.8 days considered suitable for fieldwork.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 69% adequate and 31% short. Subsoil supplies were 33% adequate and 67% short. A year ago, topsoil moisture was rated 56% adequate and 44% short. Subsoil supplies were 71% adequate and 29% short.

Supplies of gasoline, diesel fuel and LP gas were rated 95% adequate and 5% surplus.

CROPS

Dryland <u>corn</u> condition continued to be rated mostly poor to fair. Irrigated <u>corn</u> rated mostly good to fair. Recent rains have reduced irrigation demands in many areas. Eighty percent of the crop is in the dough stage or beyond, ahead of the 70% last year but the same as normal. Thirty-five percent of the crop has dented compared to 5% last year and 40% normal. Cutting of drought-damaged corn for silage continued.

Soybean crop condition rated mostly good to fair. Podding was underway on virtually all the acreage and 10% was reported as having leaves turning. Last year 5% was turning and 10% is normal.

Sorghum crop condition rated mostly fair to good. Turning was underway on 45% of the acreage, ahead of last year's 15% and the normal of 30%.

The third cutting of <u>alfalfa</u> was 60% harvested compared to 50% last year.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies continued to be rated mostly short. Although rains have aided pastures, additional time and moisture will be needed for regrowth. Green chopped corn continued to be fed in many areas. Cooler weather eased livestock stress compared to previous weeks.

Precipitation, April I - August 23, 1980

	NM	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.60	1.10	2.00	.50	1.70	.90	1.00	2.20
Total since April 1	8.20	9.60	10.80	8.20	15.00	11.70	12.50	15.20
Normal since April 1	12.00	14.05	16.51	15.28	17.72	13.12	15.73	18.72

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 $[\]underline{1}/$ Courtesy Center for Agricultural Meteorology and Climatology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1980

.18	,47 . <u>50-</u>	1.5 <u>0</u>	.44	1.23 T78	103 141 152 1350
.20	2.08	<u>195</u>	.12	1.59 1.90 1.10	2.82
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			Temperature						
	Station	Exti	emes	Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/			
		Max Min		Tican	Departure.				
NW	Chadron	97	47	73		.08			
	Scottsbluff	98	47	74	+3	.09			
	Sidney	94	45	72		.42			
1C	Burwell								
	Valentine	98	50	76	+4	.45			
NE .	Norfolk	96	57	77	+4	.46			
	Sioux City	92	60	75	+2	.65			
CEN	Grand Island	101-	55	78	+4	.09			
EC	Lincoln	99	59	79	+4	.06			
	Omaha	95	60	77	+4	.17			
SW	Imperial	96	50	74		.04			
	North Platte	98	46	75	+3	.02			

 $[\]underline{1}/$ Precipitation totals not included in map above.